

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-11 that are pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants have amended claims 1-8 and added new claims 9-11 to place them in better form for U.S. practice. It is noted that the claim amendments do not narrow the instant claims and are not made for reasons related to patentability. Indeed, the changes to the claims are made merely to place them in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added by the new claims.

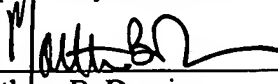
Applicants have requested that the Examiner accept the attached substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b) and M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q) in lieu of a listing of changes to be made to the original literal translation of the priority application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification, and such substitute specification includes the same changes that are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any fees due and owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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